



State of Tennessee Department of Children's Services

## **Administrative Policies and Procedures: 27.25**

**Subject: Prohibition of Youth Control of Other Youth in DCS Group Homes**

**Supersedes: DCS 27.25, 07/01/98**

**Local Policy: No**

**Local Procedures: No**

**Training Required: No**

**Applicable Practice Model Standard(s): Yes**

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### **Application**

To All Department of Children's Services Group Home Employees

**Authority:** TCA 37-5-106

### **Policy**

Employees of DCS Group Homes shall not in any manner authorize, order, or allow youth to enforce discipline, maintain supervision of other youth, or participate in the pursuit of escapees.

### **Procedures**

**A. Youth control restricted**

Employees must not in any way authorize, order, or allow a youth to supervise other youth, enforce discipline, or pursue escapees.

**B. Report of policy violations**

**1. Requirement to report**

Any employee who becomes aware that an employee violated this policy must report the violation immediately to the program supervisor/designee.

**2. Requirement to respond to report**

Within one (1) working day after receipt of such notification, the program supervisor/designee must investigate the incident and take appropriate action. Employees who

violate this policy are subject to disciplinary action.

## **Forms**

None

## **Collateral Documents**

*None*

## **Standards**

ACA 3-JCRF-3A-05

DCS Practice Model Standard – 8-303

DCS Practice Model Standard – 8-306